

VDTA Honors Aaron Herm & Amelia Normandy As 2003 Scholarship Recipients

The VDTA is proud to announce that the 2003-2004 VDTA/Epstein Scholarships have been awarded to Aaron Herm of Pulaski, WI, and Amelia (Amy) Normandy of Mountain Home, AR. Aaron and Amy's many extracurricular activities demonstrate their love of sports, passion for community involvement, and strong leadership abilities.

This is the first year the VDTA/Epstein Scholarship has been offered in two different categories. A top male recipient and a top female recipient were selected from all applications received. Aaron and Amy are now eligible to receive up to \$10,000 over a period of four years if they meet the specific academic criteria outlined by the Vacuum and Sewing Dealers Trade Association.

Meet Scholar Aaron Herm

Aaron Herm is currently a freshman at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, WI. His qualifications for receiving the scholarship far exceed the required minimums needed to meet the established criteria.

Aaron is a graduate of Pulaski High School in Pulaski, WI. There he was involved in numerous extra-curricular activities, including football, baseball, National Honor Society, several band groups, barbell club and Spanish Club. Aaron also spent time volunteering at his local food pantry and was actively involved with the Boy Scouts (He achieved the status of Eagle Scout.), Peace Lutheran Church Youth Group and Vacation Bible School.

Now a student at the University of Wisconsin (UW), Aaron's career goal is to become a high school social studies teacher and he says that his most important educational objective



Aaron Herm

is "to always strive to do the best I can."

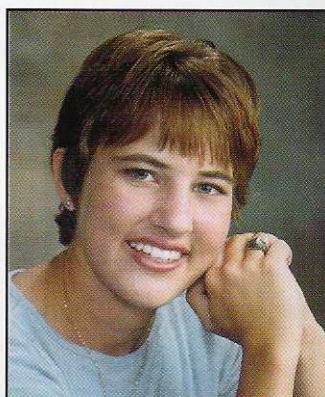
Another one of Aarons's college goals is to "be as involved as possible in the activities offered at UW." He has already taken one big step in getting involved by successfully auditioning to be a member of the UW Marching Band, a very prestigious group that plays at all of the home football, basketball, hockey and volleyball games.

Aaron is the son of Jean Herm. Jean is an employee at Green Bay Vac & Sew in Green Bay, WI.

Meet Scholar Amy Normandy

Amy Normandy is currently a junior at Austin College in Sherman, TX. A member of the Austin College swim team, Amy holds both pool and team records in breaststroke and on relays. Currently she is an elected member of the Student Assembly, representing off-campus students. She is also treasurer of her Physics Club, and an editor on three out of four of her school's publications: yearbook, newspaper and the academic journal. She is treasurer of the Society of Physics Students and works to bring lecturers to the school.

Amy is a graduate of Mountain Home High School in Mountain Home, AR. She graduated high school



Amelia Normandy

summa cum laude, holding first place student rank out in a class of 268. While in high school, Amy was captain of her swim team for two years, was voted most valuable player for two years, and currently holds six swimming records. She was involved with her Spanish Club, serving as club president for two years, was elected club

representative for Student Council, and was nominated Miss Mountain Home High School. Competing in the U.S. Student Athlete Games was a highlight of her junior year.

Amy has been a physics major since her first semester at Austin College, and she is only one class away from completing her math minor. She is on track to graduate early and has plans to study in Japan for a semester. Immediately following, Amy plans on attending graduate school in physics to obtain her Ph.D.

In the summer, Amy tutors, teaches swimming lessons, and volunteers at her local humane society. During her lifeguarding experiences, Amy had the opportunity to use her CPR knowledge to save the life of a five-year-old.

Amy is the daughter of Edward P. and Hope M. Normandy, owners of VACS/etc. in Mountain Home, AR.

The VDTA is proud to award the 2003-2004 VDTA/Epstein Scholarship to Aaron and Amy and hope the scholarships will help them achieve their lofty goals. ❖

Applications are now available for the 2004-2005 VDTA/Epstein Scholarship. A complete list of criteria and applications may be obtained by calling 1-800-367-5651 or 1-515-282-9101. The deadline for application submission is November 1, 2003.